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Bendjedid Returns to Algiers From Sweden*LD242135 Algiers Domestic Service in French
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[Excerpt] President Chadli Bendjedid's state visit to Sweden has ended after a useful and fruitful stay, according to the Algerian and Swedish parties. President Chadli Bendjedid arrived back in Algiers this afternoon.

Ibrahimi Comments on Visit*LD241352 Algiers Domestic Service in Arabic
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[Statement by Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmed Taleb Ibrahimi on Algerian-Swedish political talks; date and place not given — live or recorded]

[Text] The visit by the Brother President Chadli Bendjedid to Sweden constitutes a crowning of long-standing Algerian-Swedish relations. We must not forget that during our way of liberation many Swedes believed that the revolution was a prominent event in relations between the north and south and in the Third World's march in history. The Swedish students who were in Algeria at the time included the Swedish prime minister, in whose era Algerian-Swedish relations developed. It was not by accident that the first visit the president made was to [word indistinct].

As to the political talks, they covered matters of interest to the Algerian and Swedish peoples. First, the talks touched on the situation in the Mediterranean and the U.S. aggression against the Libyan people. Like us, the Swedes have felt that this aggression constitutes a serious precedence in international relations and that, whatever the differences and conflicts, problems should be solved through dialogue so that a peaceful solution can be found.

The talks also covered the situation in the Arab world, the Palestinian cause, the Lebanese cause and the Iraq-Iran war. The talks showed identity on closeness of views in regard to these matters. The Swedes also feel that the solution of the Palestinian question is the heart of the Middle East problem and that the PLO should participate in all efforts to solve this problem, which involves self-determination for the Palestinian people.

As to the Iraq-Iran war the Swedes, like us, feel that the fratricidal war is a tragedy and that it should be solved by peaceful means and by a return to internationally recognized borders.

The talks also covered the situation on the African continent and the hotspots there, from South Africa to the Western Sahara. There is an identity of views between Algeria and Sweden with regard to Namibia and South Africa and the need for condemnation of the policy of apartheid and for Namibia's attainment of independence, and for showing faith in the future of the people of South Africa.

With regard to the Western Sahara, the Swedes feel that the Saharan people should be given the right to self-determination and to the setting up of their own independent state.

As I have said at the start, this visit is a culmination of long-standing relations. It is also the start of a new chapter in the Algerian-Swedish relations. May God grant us success. Thank you.

LIBYA

Al-Qadhdhafi Interviewed by USSR Journalists*LD242220 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic
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['Text' of interview given by Libyan leader Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi on 23 April in Tripoli with a team of unidentified USSR journalists representing Soviet television, TASS, NOVOSTI, PRAVDA, and IZVESTIYA; questions in Russian with superimposed Arabic translation — recorded]

[Text][Question] First of all, on behalf of the Soviet journalists I should like to thank the leader of the Libyan revolution for meeting us at such a difficult moment. Please, we would like to hear from your excellency your personal attitude toward the recent events and the failed aggression of the U.S. imperialists. Brother leader of the revolution, how do you evaluate the attitude of the USSR toward Libya and its solidarity in relation to Libya?

Could we have about 3 minutes first, please, for Russian language, for television? Thank you.

[Answer] First, all Libyans are certainly grateful for the attitude of the Soviet media which even before the imperialist aggression took place was condemning and denouncing this aggression and alerting world public opinion to the fierce imperialist intentions toward the Libyan people. [Word indistinct] imperialism threatens world peace, violates international law [words indistinct]. Then the Soviet official attitude, the speeches by Comrade Mikhail Gorbachev indeed also drew attention to the aggression and warned the aggressors against the outcome of [words indistinct]. Regrettably they engaged in an adventure and committed this ugly folly. And despite the warnings and threats from the USSR, the imperialists engaged in an adventure; they paid no heed and challenged [words indistinct] this aggression which is considered a very very dangerous precedent in international relations. Personally, [words indistinct] toward the issue of world peace and responded and despite requests from many heads of state and popular organizations from all over the world not to escalate the war, not to spread it, and to prevent us being on the verge of a third world war. We could have caused damage, or even destroyed the whole U.S. 6th Fleet irrespective of the losses which we might have suffered; and we could have destroyed it in the Mediterranean and destroyed the bases in southern Europe; we were capable of influencing southern Italy militarily in particular; but because of the friendship linking us with the Italian people and the sympathy of the Italian people for us and the socialist government in Italy, and because the Europeans told us that Reagan is a Hitler [word indistinct] and mad, [we thought we] better not run along with him in threatening world peace;

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that's why we stopped short of destroying the wireless communications station belonging to the U.S. 6th Fleet in Lampedusa in southern Italy. By this we wanted to show how to inflict a defeat on imperialism everywhere in the world, not by revenge, but by putting it in the dock and by our brave resistance.

In fact we highly appreciated Mr Gorbachev's proposal of withdrawing the fleets belonging to the superpowers from the Mediterranean. But the U.S. imperialists rejected this proposal because of their commitment to their expansionist policy. They announced that the U.S. 6th Fleet is in the Mediterranean to protect Zionism and to threaten the Mediterranean countries — especially the Arab and African countries. But we will work toward mobilizing all international public opinion so that Comrade Gorbachev's proposal will succeed and the U.S. 6th Fleet and the USSR fleet will be withdrawn from the Mediterranean, as the USSR is ready to withdraw its fleet if the United States withdraws its fleet.

In fact, we carried out a historic action. We obstructed the imperialist forces while on their way to Moscow. There is no doubt that F-111 bombers are primarily for striking at Moscow and the socialist bloc. Their presence in Britain is not intended against the Libyan people but to spread the attack against the socialist bloc and against Moscow. This operation was a training operation. The NATO countries with their strategic weapons could cooperate and launch an attack against the USSR and the socialist bloc; [they learned] how to supply them with fuel in air using huge number of aircrafts and how many hours it takes. Perhaps this operation was not an exercise, it could have been a real attack against the USSR but we intercepted it and destroyed this strategic military operation. These aircraft which took off from Britain might have been on their way to Moscow. Anyhow, we fought for our land but at the same time we resisted imperialism while it advances toward the USSR and the socialist bloc. We fought and sacrificed ourselves to defend the socialist bloc and the USSR; we resisted a superpower. Although we resisted it defending our homeland, at the same time our defense protected the USSR and the socialist bloc. We destroyed F-111 aircraft which are not designed with Tripoli or Benghazi in mind, but with Moscow and similar places in mind. Because of this Libya deserves to be named the Great Jamahiriya, because it protected the socialist bloc this week with its [word indistinct], and (?joined) huge imperialist forces, which were rampaging worldwide in the oceans; continents, and seas; but they were faced with this Jamahiriya — with its heroic resistance. Libya earned the title of the Great Jamahiriya with this great action in spite of the whole world. The Jamahiriya defeated the imperialist aggression against its land and also protected [word indistinct] an attack which might have been against the socialist bloc.

The dangerous subject now is the maneuvers being carried out by nine European countries headed by America. [as heard] They are carrying out these maneuvers on British territory. They are the largest maneuvers since World War II. These maneuvers might be in preparation for invading a country such as Libya. The whole Arab world could be invaded by these maneuvers. Or they might be in preparation for invading the Warsaw Pact. Therefore, we warn international public opinion and our friends in the socialist bloc that they should watch and assess the results

of this, and together we should confront and foil their effects and (?applications).

In fact, there is another result, not as a politician but as an analyst. As any analyst and researcher we have found out that the NATO group, headed by America, is an uncivilized group. Through scientific analysis we have found out that it seems that they are a species between pigs and humans. They have not yet developed to the level of normal humans, and they have not remained as pigs on the farms. It seems that the NATO countries are a species between pigs and humans, because their methods and morals are low to an extent which makes it impossible for these morals to be human morals at all. Bombers attack a family, a house, and children to murder them. Strategic bombers, hundreds of aircraft to hit a house.

There is a dangerous indication which the base Americans and those on their band-wagon — the despicable Atlantics — are boasting about; they are openly deciding to kill a head of state, and we will kill them [as heard]. This, on the other hand, will give justification to anyone, even in self-defense, to kill anyone and it will be considered an act of reciprocity. Although we do not go along with their decadence, however, they have given us a justification, in that we have entered a new phase in which a state has officially decided to kill a head of state.

And as long as they are of such nature there is no hope of achieving an understanding with the imperialists. But an international front must be set up, comprising all peace- and freedom-loving peoples in alliance with the socialist community and the Soviet Union, to destroy imperialism and neo-Nazism because there is no chance of an understanding with a people, with creatures, that occupy a place between pigs and human beings.

It is also imperative for us to mobilize public opinion and strive toward the expulsion of America and Britain from the Security Council and deny them the permanent seat because they do not deserve it. Because whoever occupies a permanent seat in the Security Council has the task of maintaining world peace. And as long as they, through this permanent seat, undermine world peace, then they lose their right to keep this permanent seat.

It is also imperative to move the UN headquarters to Switzerland immediately because the United States has become a jungle and does not deserve to be the headquarters of the United Nations.

We are in contact with France to seek clarifications of its position and of how it joined America in using the veto against a decision condemning this barbarous, unjustified aggression. We will adopt a position toward France after that.

As regards Britain, there is a secret relationship between Thatcher and Reagan which prompted American intelligence to bring pressure to bear on Thatcher to agree to Reagan's request so as not to expose her. [as heard] However, this is a personal matter of no interest to us, but the consequences of which are very serious. Under all circumstances we will resist imperialism until it succumbs and bows to negotiate with us as equals, just like the Americans are now negotiating submissively with the Vietnamese. When the Americans poured their bombs on them, the Vietnamese, to prevent them from uniting Vietnam and from

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liberating South Vietnam, and when they intended to force Hanoi to abandon the liberation of Saigon and to subjugate Ho Chi Minh, the result was the destruction of America and the loss of its sons.

Even now they are searching for them in the jungles of Vietnam. The result was that Ho Chi Minh became a historical hero and Vietnam was united and became the united, strong Vietnam, and America has now yielded to negotiate on an equal footing with the Vietnamese and they are discussing with them the remains of their soldiers who were lost. Vietnam now treats the United States with all pride, to the extent that Vietnam is now the one which imposes its conditions. After their aggression on Libya, Vietnam refused to continue the negotiations and closed the file.

The Vietnamese said, let the U.S. soldiers who are lost in Vietnam go to hell; since you carried out this aggression against the Great Jamahiriya, we will not look for them. The Americans now are the ones pleading with Vietnam: Please resume the negotiations with us and allow us to look for our remains.

We might constitute a new Vietnam. In fact, imperialism will not stop until it is defeated. They do not learn from experience otherwise they would have learned from that lesson. They should have taken what was said seriously. Where is the memorandum which I was reading? [Al-Qadhdhafi looks around addressing this last question to his aides] Where is the paper that was here which contained the statement? [Al-Qadhdhafi turns again to the journalists] A statement by a senior retired American: He said, we think that we have learned a lesson in Vietnam but it seems that we have not learned it. Your method with Libya is exactly the same as your method with Hanoi. Raids and bombs [words indistinct] gradually. You got involved in a war, and you were defeated. They were actually words which Americans should have read by now and learned from them.

In fact, I am grateful for having this opportunity to talk about these important issues. I am very grateful to the Soviet media. We will struggle against imperialism and for world peace [words indistinct]. Thank you.

[Question] Another question if you please?

[Answer] One or two questions only if you please.

[Question] The Libyan Armed Forces bravely faced the brutal American aggression. What can you tell us about this?

[Answer] Generally, they thought they could surprise us and achieve their goals. But the alertness [words indistinct] and turned it into a burning fire, the raids were broken, and the other raids retreated in failure and dropped their bombs in the sea. Our resistance did not give the U.S. pilots a chance even when they used their parachutes; they were torn to pieces and died with their aircraft.

By the way, the retired major general and the ex-deputy chief of staff and the historian of the Vietnam war is (Bruce Palmer), he is the one that said those words.

[Question in Russian not translated into Arabic] How does the leader of the Libyan revolution view the Soviet proposal for the withdrawal...

[Question by Soviet journalist speaking in Arabic, interrupting] What in your opinion are the objectives of the Nonaligned Movement?

[Answer] The Nonaligned Movement proved its existence by its Ministerial Council meeting, which strongly condemned this aggression. It also formed a high-level delegation which met me and came to Libya, and (went to civilian authorities?) and visited hospitals and saw the dead children and the wounded — the wounded women and old women. It took very important documents and went to the United Nations. The nonaligned group was very angry and considered this aggression an aggression against each one of them. Indeed, if this aggression succeeds the imperialists will continue to transfer their aggression to other peoples and as a result all Arab peoples now live in fear of such an aggression if the imperialists are not (deterred?).

[Question] We went to the City of Benghazi and saw for ourselves the effects of some of the bombing during the bestial U.S. aggression. What does your excellency now want to say to President Reagan on this subject?

[Answer] He is a killer of children and he won this title at an international level. He is a killer of children. At the same time [words indistinct] these raids do not solve the Palestine problem nor South Africa, nor Ireland, and subsequently they will not eliminate the violence of the peoples who are victims of aggression and [word indistinct] terror at the hand of Zionism, racism and colonialism. These raids will certainly not stop us from continuing the struggle against imperialism, and from building socialism and Arab unity on a progressive basis and supporting peoples who are struggling for freedom everywhere.

JANA Cited on Al-Qadhdhafi Message to Gorbachev
LD251008 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic
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[Text] JANA has learned that the brother leader of the revolution has sent an important message to the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Syria, Algeria, and Democratic Yemen have been informed of the content of this message.

UAE Paper: Talks Under Way To Join Warsaw Pact
LD251102 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 1008 GMT 25 Apr 86

[Text] Abu Dhabi, 25 Apr (KUNA) — *AL-ITTIHAD*, published here today, cited reliable Libyan sources in the Libyan capital saying that political and military talks have been going on for a week in complete secrecy between Libyan authorities and the Warsaw Pact countries regarding Libya joining the treaty.

The sources have told the paper that "Libya has discussed with Poland and another socialist country the question of it [Libya] joining the Pact [quote marks as received]. They [the sources] said

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that the two countries have welcomed the idea and adopted its submission to leaders of the socialist countries who met in East Berlin last week on the occasion of the German United Workers Party general conference.

The sources said that "the Soviet leadership had put a number of questions to the Libyan authorities and requested clear answers to them before agreeing to Libya joining the Pact, and Libya had put some questions pertaining to the Pact's position in the event of Libya being subjected to another U.S. aggression [quote marks as received].

The paper also cited unspecified informed sources saying that Poland and the other socialist country were tending to closer points of view and were making efforts to overcome obstacles that may be in the way of Libya joining the Pact. The sources said that "most of the Pact countries have agreed in principle to Libya joining the Warsaw Pact. However, they said "joining procedures may take time in view of there being political and military considerations which require in-depth discussion, especially because Libya would be the first noncommunist country and outside East Europe to join the Pact.

Additionally the paper said that the Soviet naval units, whose entry into Libyan territorial waters has been announced, have been sent to the ports of Benghazi and Tripoli and the Gulf of Sidra and have begun carrying out joint exercises with Libyan naval units.

Al-Qadhdhafi Receives Algerian Ambassador

*LD242257 Tripoli Television Service in Arabic
2245 GMT 24 Apr 86*

[Text] This evening, the brother leader received the Algerian ambassador to the Jamahiriyah.

PDRY's Al-'Attas Telephones Al-Qadhdhafi on Summit

*LD250854 Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland
in Arabic 0115 GMT 25 Apr 86*

[Text] Yesterday evening, Haydar Bakr al-'Attas, prime minister of PDRY, [title as heard] made a phone call to the brother leader of the revolution concerning the emergency summit conference expected to begin next Monday in the Moroccan town of Fes.

Naval Forces Chief Visits Soviet Cruiser

*NC241338 Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic
1230 GMT 24 Apr 86*

[Text] The chief of staff of the Libyan naval forces visited the Soviet cruiser *Druzhba* at noon today. The cruiser and other ships of the Soviet fleet are now visiting Libyan Arab ports. The commander of the Soviet ships, which operate in the Mediterranean received the Libyan chief of staff aboard the cruiser. Soviet officers participated in the reception.

In a speech, the commander of the Soviet ships welcomed the chief of staff and other officers of the Libyan Arab naval forces

accompanying him. The commander gave them a detailed explanation on the cruiser *Druzhba*, its equipment, and combat abilities.

The brother chief of staff visited some areas of the cruiser, inspected its equipment, and saw how it worked. He praised Libyan Arab-Soviet cooperation in all fields.

The commander of the Soviet naval ships presented a symbolic gift to the brother chief of staff: an emblem of the Soviet Navy. The chief of staff of the Libyan Arab naval forces then wrote in the cruiser's register praising Libyan Arab-Soviet cooperation.

Receives Soviet Naval Commander

*LD241803 Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland
in Arabic 1715 GMT 24 Apr 86*

[Excerpt] The chief of staff of the Libyan Arab naval forces this morning in his office received the commander of the Soviet naval group in the Mediterranean.

The chief of staff welcomed the visit of the naval units and the visit of the commander of the group, and praised the Libyan-Arab-Soviet cooperation. The chief of the naval staff showed the Soviet commander the departments of the Libyan Navy and the progress it has achieved as a result of the efforts of the Great Al-Fatih Revolution, whose policies are aimed at establishing the undefeatable armed people.

JANA Says CIA Behind British Airways Office Bombing

LD251137 Tripoli JANA in Arabic 0900 GMT 25 Apr 86

[tExt] Tripoli, 25 Apr (JANA) — It is clear that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, CIA, was behind the organizing and blowing up of the British Airways office in London. Proof of this is the timing of the explosion.

It is known that the U.S. intelligence agency is split into two groups regarding Thatcher, the murderess of children: The first group seeks to keep her in power since she allowed Reagan, the murderer of children, to use her airspace and territory in his aggression against the Libyan Arab people. Further, while this group tries to justify Thatcher's action, the second group is trying, because of her deed, to overthrow her since it is clear that violence has reached the heart of London, the British capital.

Demonstration Reported Outside UK Base on Cyprus

LD251013 Tripoli JANA in English 0939 GMT 25 Apr 86

[Text] Nicosia, Shaban 15, April 25, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY — A massive demonstration was staged yesterday at the gates of the British base in Cyprus, Akrotiri, in protest over the brutal U.S. air raids on the people of Al-Jamahiriyah.

The demonstrators carried placards and banners saying that "Reagan is a child-murderer", "Hands off Libya", "No to state terrorism", "Eliminate British bases from Cyprus" and the like.